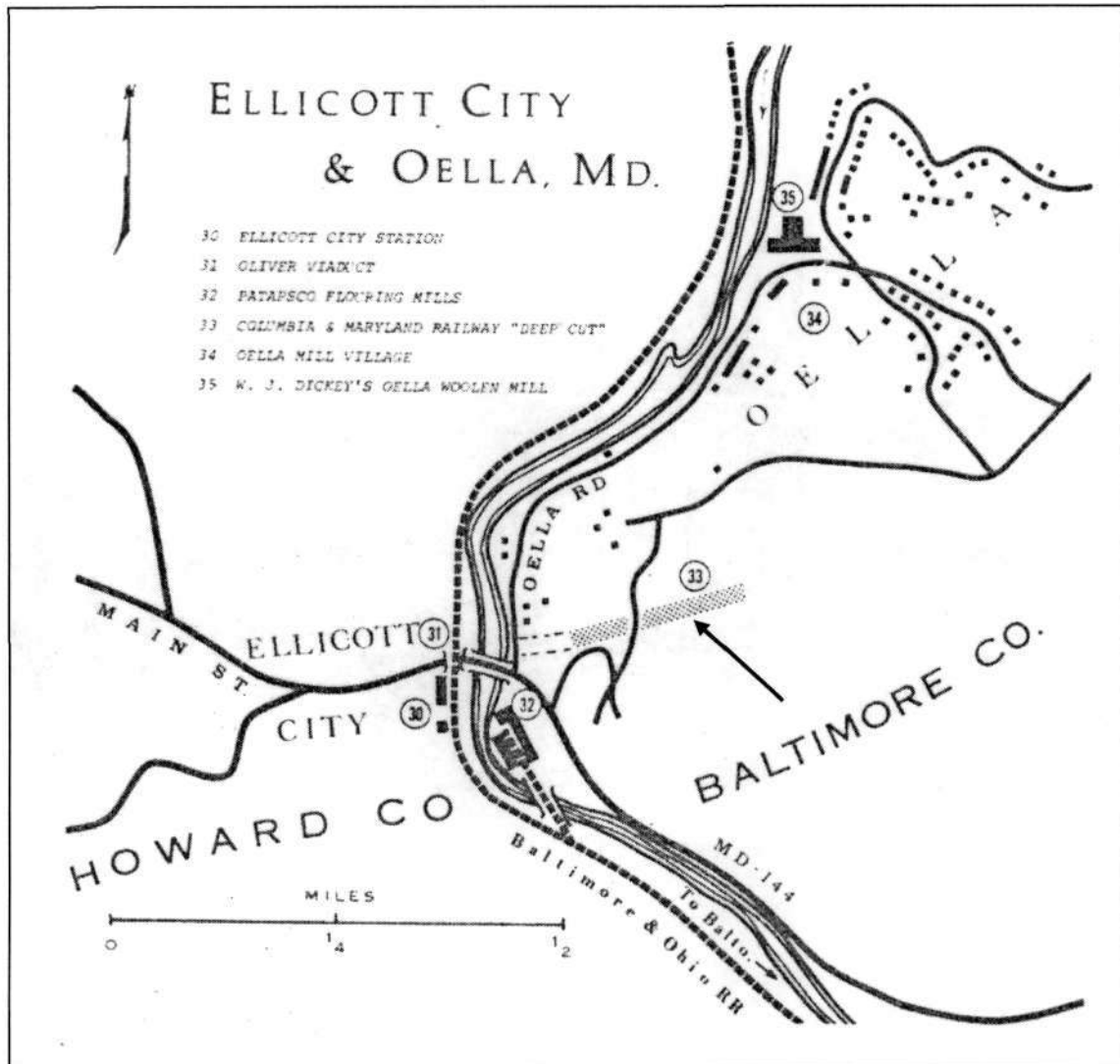


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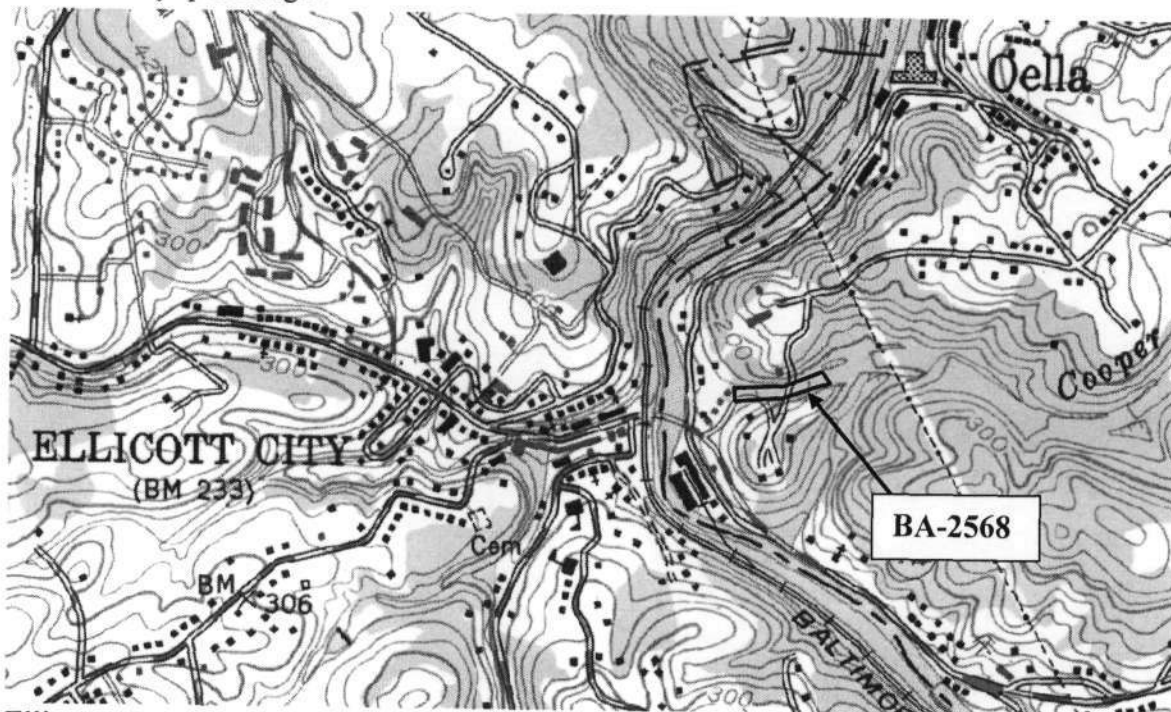
DEEP CUT - 1895 - Railway cut under Westchester Avenue bridge, emerging just north of Ellicott City bridge. An excavation was started by the Columbia and Maryland Railway, later absorbed by the United Railways and Electric Company, to bring the Edmondson Avenue trolley cars into Main Street, Ellicott City. Some 0.2 mile in length, the cut is 80 feet deep, and was abandoned in 1955 and promptly purchased by the County Commissioners. The cut will be incorporated into a rails-to-trails park linking Ellicott City, lower Oella, and the Benjamin Banneker Park. The transit company purchased the large Alhambra mansion (built 1859) to acquire the right-of-way through the hill that blocked access to the river valley. This was a major engineering project for an interurban trolley car system, possibly unique to the Baltimore region. The first electric car reached Ellicott City in December 1899.

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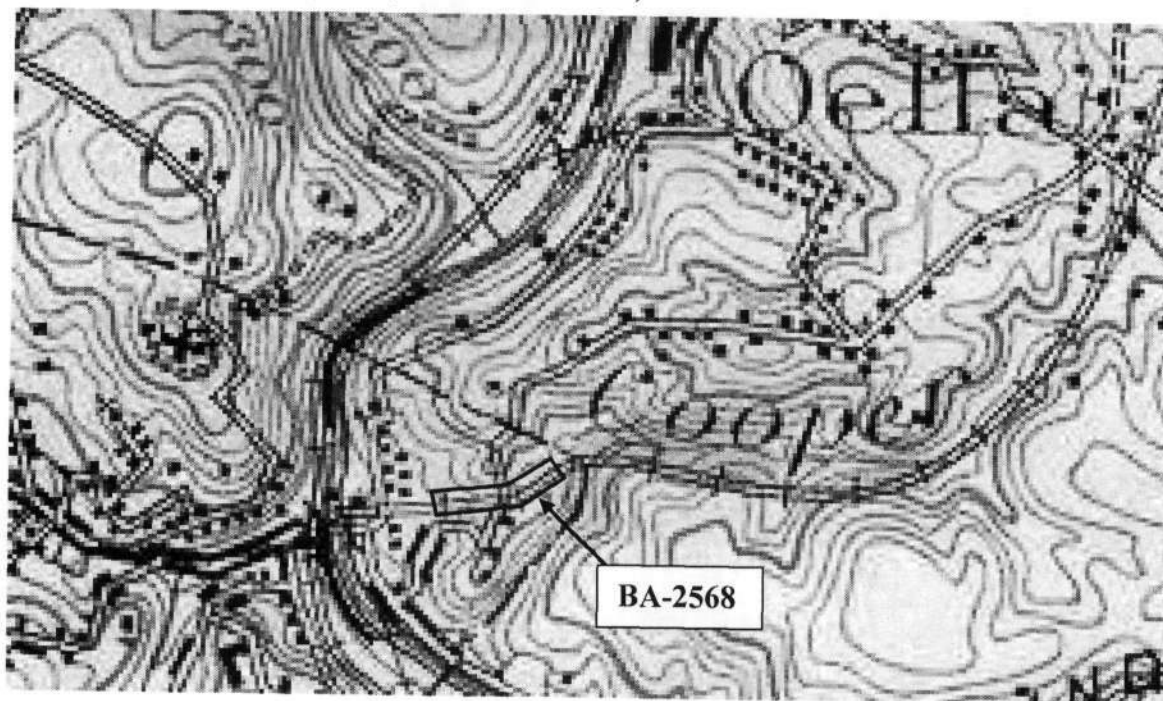
Deep Cut (Columbia & Maryland Railway "Deep Cut")
Westchester Avenue to Oella Avenue, Oella

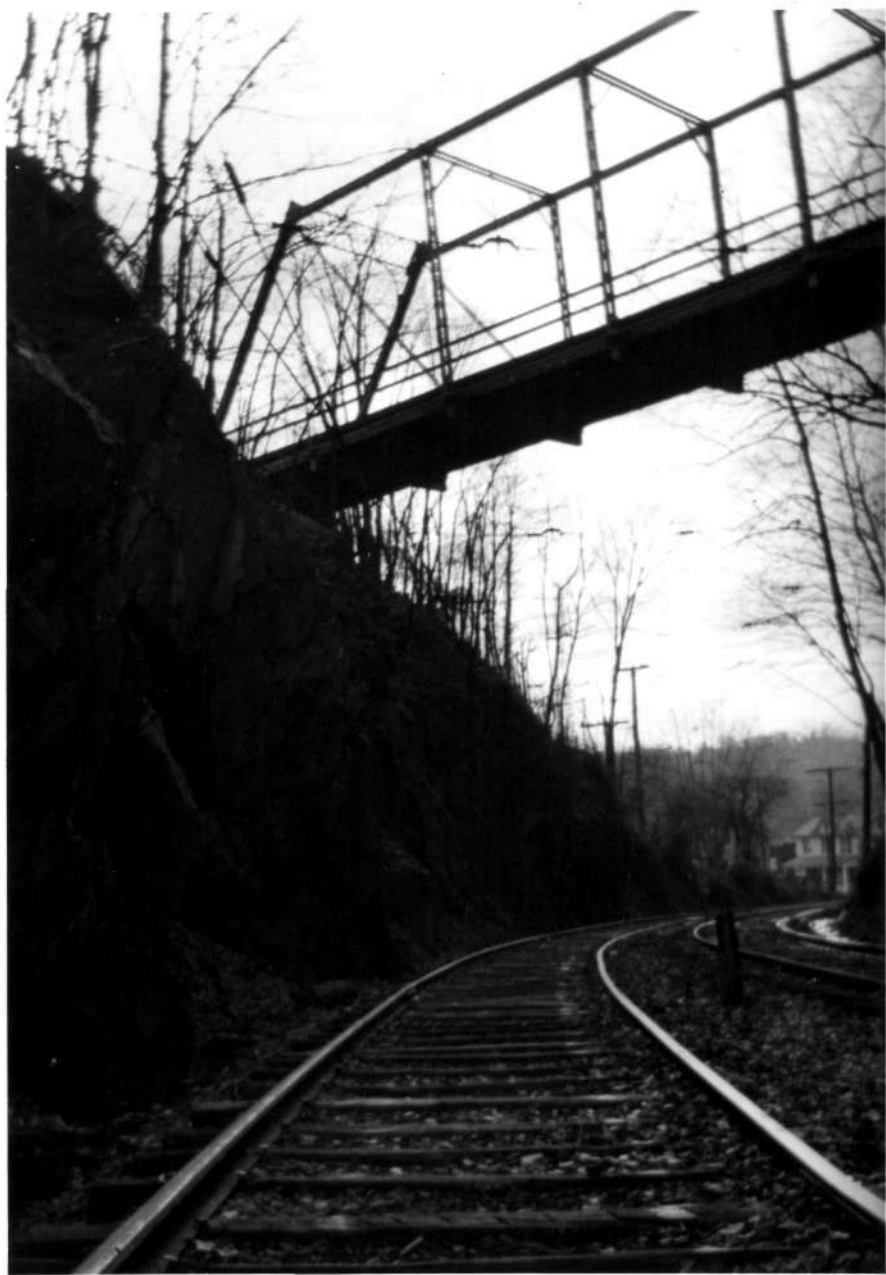


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Deep Cut
Westchester Avenue to Oella Avenue, Oella
Ellicott City quadrangle



Ellicott 15' quad 1906 (Surveyed 1902 and 1904)





13 BA-2568 Deep Cut, trolley line to Ellicott City

view down former trolley track

John Mc Grain

1950s, before abandonment of service